

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 7829
Koichiro TANAKA	)	Examiner: Maria A. Elve
Serial No. 10/721,075	)	Group Art Unit: 3742
Filed: November 26, 2003	)	
For: LASER IRRADIATION APPARATUS,	)	
LASER IRRADIATION METHOD,	)	
AND METHOD FOR	)	
MANUFACTURING A	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present *Supplemental Response* supplements the *Response* filed on November 20, 2009, and is submitted further in response to the Official Action dated August 21, 2009.

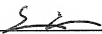
The Official Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-18 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,096 or U.S. Publication No. 2003/0136772 to Yamazaki; Australian Patent Publication No. AU 2003220835 to Otsu and U.S. Patent No. 6,014,401 to Godard. The Official Action rejects claims 19, 20, 22-29, 31-38, 40-47 and 49-54 as obvious based on the combination of Yamazaki '096, Otsu, Godard, U.S. Patent No. 6,242,292 to Yamazaki and U.S. Patent No. 7,132,375 to Yamazaki. In order to overcome these rejections, a verified English translation of priority application JP 2002-349007 filed November 29, 2002, is filed concurrently herewith. Since Otsu has a publication date of September 22, 2003, which is later than the filing date of JP '007, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under § 103 should be

overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are in order and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c) and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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